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E.O. 011652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1420

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT NYERERE: (A) URGES THAT THE US BE
PREPARED TO ISSUE, ALONE IF NECESSARY, A STATEMENT ON WALVIS
BAY IN ORDER TO GET NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT; (B) EXPRESSES
GRATIFICATION WITH "CARTER-OBASANJO COMMITMENT" TO ANGLO-
AMERICAN PLAN AND RHODESIA SOLUTION; AND (C) OFFERS SUPPORT
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FOR THE SCENARIO ON RHODESIA WOREKED OUT AT LAGOS. END SUMMARY.

2. SOME TWO HOURS AFTER ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER STRONG
AND I HAD SEEN FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA THIS MORNING (DAR 1420),
PRESIDENT NYERERE CALLED ME TO HIS HOUSE AT MSASANI. PRESIDEN-
TIAL PRESS SECRETARY SAMMY MDEE WAS ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT.

3. IT TURNED OUT THAT NYERERE'S PURPOSE WAS TO URGE US NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BY NEGATIVE REACTION TO NAMIBIA PROPOSALS REPORTEDLY PUT FORTH BY SAM NUJOMA. NYERERE IS TRYING TO GET A MESSAGE TO VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE WHO IS NOW IN INDIA TO URGE SAM TO AGREE TO THE PROPOSALS. NYERERE HAS HAD IT "IN SAM'S OWN WORDS" THAT A STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY FROM THE US ALONE WOULD BE ENOUGH. NUJOMA NEEDS SUCH A STATEMENT POLITICALLY. IT MIGHT BE BETTER COMING FROM THE FIVE, BUT IF THE US ALONE COULD MAKE IT NOW, NYERERE THINKS IT COULD PUT OVER A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. I DREW ON SECTO 3080 IN RESPONSE TO THIS (SECTO 3079 HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.)

4. ON RHODESIA, NYERERE SAID THAT ALL HE HAD TO SAY WAS THAT HE WAS VERY GRATIFIED AT WHAT SEEMED TO BE A VERY FIRM COMMITMENT "Y PRESIDENTS CARTER AND OBASANJO TO A HODESIAN SOLUTION AND THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. I ASKED HIM IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TOLD HIM OF OUR EARLIER MEETING. WHEN HE SAID NO, I WENT THROUGH SECTO 3073 AND RELATED MATERIAL.

5. INEVITABLY THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON OUR NOT BEING ABLE TO INSIST ON CONFINING THE ALL PARTIES DISCUSSION SOLELY TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. AFTER SOME PERSUASION, NYERERE SWALLOWED THE PILL WITH GOOD GRACE, SAYING THAT HE COULD NOT TRY TO DICTATE NEGOTIATING TACTICS TO THE SALISBURY GROUP. HE ADDED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND HOW DAVID OWEN IN THE CHAIR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GAVEL DOWN BISHOP MUZOREWA IF THE BISHOP SHOULD
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FEEL COMPELLED TO TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY HE DID WHAT HE HAS DONE. SUBSEQUENTLY NYERERE GAVE HIS APPROVAL TO THE ENTIRE SCENARIO, INCLUDING MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HERE AND A POSSIBLE OWEN-VANCE MEETING WITH THE SALISBURY PEOPLE ON THE BORDER.

6. COMMENT: THE "RATIONAL MAN" WAS VERY EVIDENT IN NYEREGR IN HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE POINT THAT THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE CONFINED SOLELY TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO DATE AND THE CARTER-OBASANJO DISCUSSIONS IN LAGOS, NYERERE WAS PREPARED TO TRUST US ONE STEP FURTHER. HOWEVER, HE AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO TAKE GREAT PAINS TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN EFFORT TO "MARRY" THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT. ALSO, HIS OBVIOUS PRIME AIM IS TO HAVE THE US AND UK AND THE PF GO INTO THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE WITH COMPLETE AGREEMENT, TO WHICH THE FL AND PF WILL TRY TO HOLD US THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.
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